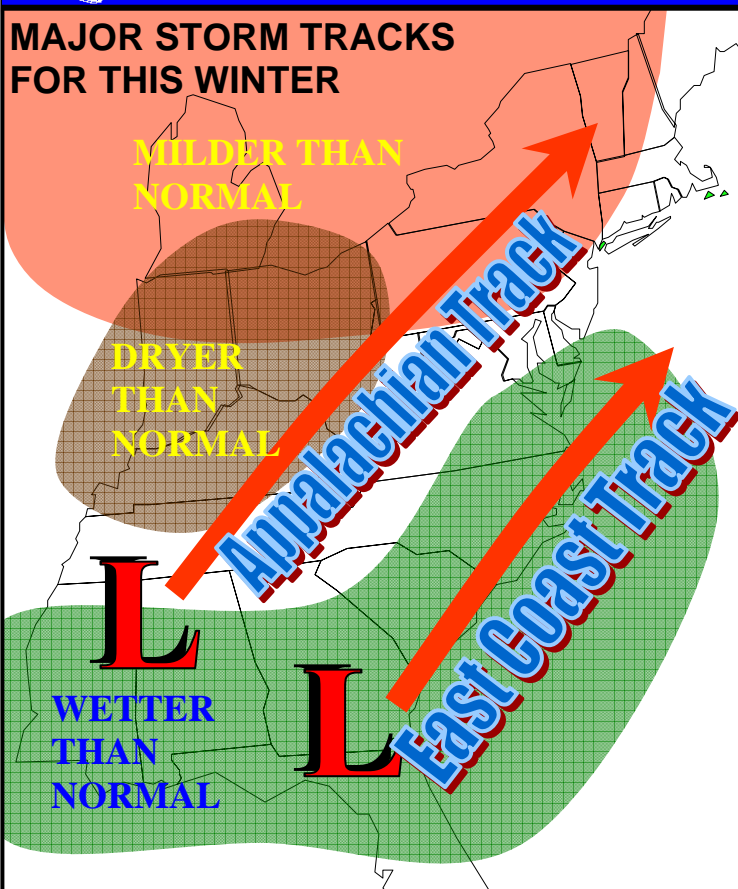




MAJOR STORM TRACKS FOR THIS WINTER



MODERATE EL NINO MAY MODERATE OUR WINTER A BIT...

The most recent long range NWS forecasts for this winter indicate that a moderate El Nino in the Eastern Pacific Ocean will influence the Nation's weather leading to a slightly milder than normal winter. In addition, the early season storm track in the Eastern U.S. is split between a coastal track that favors snow for Connecticut and an Appalachian Mountain track the favors mixed precipitation and rain. The following forecast considers both El Nino and the early season tracks. **SPECIAL NOTE:** There is the potential of one or two very large coastal storms (Especially in Later December or January) this winter that would change the winter forecast dramatically if they occurred.

DECEMBER: A split storm track (see map) is expected to deliver several storms to Connecticut. However, the westward tracks of some of these storms are expected to result in mixed precipitation changing to rain for about ½ of the storms. Thus the snowfall forecast (see table below) for December is slightly below normal and the temperature forecast is slightly above normal.

JANUARY: The storm track is expected to migrate towards the East Coast and remain quite active resulting in several coastal storms and above average snowfall in Connecticut. Temperatures are expected to cool slightly (due in part to the consistent snow cover) to normal levels for the month.

FEBRUARY: The storm track is expected to begin to flatten out (storms running out to sea south of New England) and become somewhat less active resulting in less snowfall than in January. The influence of El Nino is expected to reach its peak in February resulting in milder temperatures in Connecticut.

MARCH: A flatter storm track and the influence of El Nino are expected to keep snowfall down and temperatures slightly warmer than normal thru the month. Total precipitation (taking rainfall into account) is expected to be near normal for this winter. The next winter weather forecast update will be issued by DEMHS on January 5th, 2007.

FORECAST SNOWFALL FOR 2006/2007 AT WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT*

Month	Average Temps F		Total Snowfall (Inches "T" Trace)		
	Highs	Lows	Last Winter	Average	This Winter*
November	52	34	T"	2"	0" Final
December	37	21	16.6"	12"	10"
January	34	18	21.8"	12"	18"
February	36	19	22.2"	12"	11"
March	46	28	4.8"	11"	6"
April	61	37	1.2"	2"	3"
Totals			66.6"	51"	48"

*This forecast is based on the NWS Winter Outlook combined with snowfall records from 1895 – 2005, early season storm patterns and local climatology (weather patterns in Connecticut). Although large scale features such as El Nino tend to influence the amount of snow we get in Connecticut, the exact track of individual large storms cannot be forecasted this far in advance, and those tracks will determine the amount of snow and/or rain this winter.

